

DDD PROVIDER PARTNER E-BULLETIN

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The Division of Developmental Disabilities will use this periodic email letter to update our provider partners on the upcoming issues, contract changes, etc. that will be of interest to agency and independent providers who provide services under contract to the Division. Your thoughts and comments are always welcome!

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) REGISTRY CHECKS

Statute changes during the last special legislative session now require new state employees and employees of contractors to be checked at hiring for the presence on the Child Protective Services registry for substantiated abuse. More information will be forthcoming, but please check out ARS 8-804 to review the statute.

AMENDMENT #6

An interpretative email was recently transmitted relative to the requirement of notification of all consumers of corrective action plans. This will be further clarified in Amendment # 7, but in the meantime, providers are advised that this clause is only applicable to corrective action plans of a specific contract failure and the Division will notify contractors to which actions the requirement is applicable. It is not intended to cover typical program monitoring and incident-reporting issues that require corrective action plans. More information will be forthcoming in Amendment #7.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Division is researching the issue of insurance requirements (\$1million individual, \$2 million aggregate). More information will be forthcoming.

AMENDMENT #7

The Division intends to post Amendment #7, when ready, on the web site for a 21-day comment period. More information will be forthcoming.

MERCER

Mercer has begun the rate study for Employment Supports and Services and has also begun to review the Day Treatment – Adult (DTA) rates. Because of the latter, the rates for extended employment supports and services may be delayed. More information will be forthcoming.

RATE INCREASE AVAILABILITY

The \$18.9 million rate increase distribution methodology has been submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). The increase and retroactive payments are planned for November via the October billings. More information will be forthcoming.

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